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LEGISLATOR PAPERS

ELIZABETH LONG, 1990-2001

Abstract: Papers (1989-2001) of Missouri State Representative Elizabeth Long (1948-) of Lebanon includes House Elections Committee and Fair Elections Commission records.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The first woman elected to county office in Laclede County, Elizabeth Long was born April 7, 1948, in Lebanon, Missouri. She attended Drury College in Springfield. Long served ten years as a Republican committeewoman and two years as Republican county chair. She was elected Laclede County Clerk and served from 1983 until 1990.

Representative Long was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives from the 142nd District during a special election in February of 1990 and was reelected in 1990. She was elected to the 146th District in 1992, which serves parts of Dallas and Laclede counties, and was reelected in 1994, 1996, 1998, and 2000.

Representative Long was appointed Minority Caucus Chair and served on the Accounts, Operations, and Finance; Administration and Accounts; Appropriations-Social Services and Corrections; Appropriations-Natural and Economic Resources; Banks and Financial Institutions; Elections; Federal-State Relations and Veterans' Affairs; Fees and Salaries; Rules, Joint Rules, Bills Perfected and Printed; State Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources; State Parks, Natural Resources, and Mining; Tourism, Recreational, and Cultural Affairs; and Transportation committees.

SERIES

The records of Elizabeth Long are broken down into the following series:

Committee Files, 1989-2001
Commission Files, 1994-1995

COMMITTEE FILES, 1989-2001

Extent: 0.3 cubic ft. (1 partial Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Alphabetical by committee name and thereunder chronological

Scope and Content

Research compiled for the Missouri House Elections Committee comprises the series.

In 1993, the U.S. Congress passed the National Voter Registration Act, popularly known as the Motor Voter Act. The legislation requires states to provide individuals with the opportunity to register to vote at the same time that they apply for a driver's license or seek to renew a driver's license; to forward the completed application to the appropriate state or local election official; to offer voter registration opportunities at all offices that provide public assistance and all offices that provide state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities; to provide the ability to register to vote by mail using mail-in-forms developed by each state and the Election Assistance Commission; and to create requirements for how states maintain voter registration lists for federal elections. Signed into law by President Clinton, the legislation overcame constitutionality challenges and took effect January 1, 1995.

Consequently, the Missouri House Elections Committee researched election reform beginning in 1993. Materials include, but are not limited to, Internet voting; early and absentee voting; military voters; term limits; voter registration procedures in other states; and voter fraud. Due to size and complexity, supporting materials are organized at the end of the Elections Committee files. The series includes committee schedules and hearing testimonies; correspondence with Missouri's Congressional delegation and election officials in other states; newspaper clippings and magazine articles; and national task force recommendations and reports.

In 1995, Representative Long mailed a questionnaire pertaining to the motor voter law to county election personnel across the state. She received 87 responses, a sample of which have been retained and are arranged in alphabetical order by county name. Responses detailed statewide problems with the implementation of the National Voter Registration Act.

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COMMISSION FILES, 1994-1995

Extent: 0.1 cubic ft. (1 partial Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Missouri Fair Elections Commission materials include correspondence and memoranda; letters to the editor and other newspaper clippings; opinions from the Missouri Attorney General's office; notices of public meetings, minutes, and testimonies; and final and minority reports.

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